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TOMATO AND CABBAGE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tomato and cabbage growers of Karmataka has decided to sell their produces at throw away prices;

(b) whether the prices of these vegetables have been crashed even the Centre is taking of rescuing steps for the farmers from the vagaries of the market which has already thrown maize and other foodgrain growers in the Karnataka into a vortex of misery; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to mitigate the problem of these farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): The Prices of tomato and cabbage declined in Karnataka during themonths of January, February and March, 2001 and have shown recovery during April,2001.

(c): The Government is setting up five agro food parks in the State as a long termsolution to the problems of farmers. Besides, the National Dairy Development Board issetting up a terminal market complex at Bangalore and is developing infrastructure facilities in other parts of the State for marketing of fruits and vegetables. Moreover, a Market Intervention Scheme is being implemented for procurement of horticultural items of importance when their prices tend to fall below economic levels on the basis of formal request of concerned state governments, for which the state government have to share 50% of the losses, if any, incurred in the procurement process.